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PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. BOB CLEMENT**

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 10, 2002*

Mr. CLEMENT. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 81, had I been present, I would have voted "yea."

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PAYING TRIBUTE TO KAREN  
ADAMS

**HON. SCOTT MCINNIS**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 10, 2002*

Mr. MCINNIS. Mr. Speaker, it is with profound sadness that I rise today to recognize the life and contributions of Karen Adams of Pueblo, Colorado, who peacefully left us in

February. Karen was a popular member and leader of the community and was often sought by many for her listening ear, advice, and warm smile. She struggled in a long battle with cancer, and as her family mourns her loss, I would like to take this opportunity to bring forth her accomplishments and gentle kindness before this body of Congress and this nation.

As a dedicated resident and business owner of the Pueblo community, Karen was often at the forefront of improving her surroundings. She, along with husband William, proudly operated Sunscapes Rare Plant Nursery, a successful horticulture business in the area. Remarkably, Karen managed to run this business while raising a family that appreciated and valued the importance of hard work, honor, and perseverance. She raised her sons Greg, Mark, Will and daughter Beth to be respectful individuals who are determined to succeed in their pursuits. Karen's influence touched many lives outside of her immediate family and she was known as a loving friend to many.

Karen was a true lover of the outdoors and could often be found improving her natural surroundings. She was often spotted along the highway or interstate cleaning and beautifying

the area and eventually founded the Pueblo Clean Community Commission in the 1970s. She could be found improving the appearance of the city by lending her time and energy to beautifying several sites with rock gardens to improve their aesthetic appearances. She contributed to her community as a member of several wonderful organizations including the Pueblo Zoological Society, the Historical Arkansas Riverwalk of Pueblo Foundation, and was a horticulturist at the Pueblo Zoo. Her efforts and leadership to improving her community and its residents are remarkable and they will indeed be missed by a grateful community.

Mr. Speaker, I am honored to pay tribute Karen Adams and the great strides she took in establishing herself as a valuable leader in the Pueblo community. Her dedication to family, friends, work, environment, and the community certainly deserves the recognition of this body of Congress and a grateful nation. Although Karen has left us, her good-natured spirit lives on through the lives of those she touched. I would like to extend my regrets and deepest sympathies to Karen's family and friends during this difficult time of remembrance and bereavement.